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Elias Benesch, 73, Ex-CIA Courier

Elias Benesch, a former courier for the Central Intelligence Agency, died Tuesday at Hadley Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Benesch, 73, had been hospitalized since he suffered a heart attack three weeks ago.

Born in Baltimore, he attended public schools there before coming to Washington around 1927. He worked as a concessionaire in local theaters for a number of years before he went to the CIA after World War II. During the summer he ran concessions at Glen Echo amusement park, he retired three years ago.

He was a member of Veterans of World War I of the U. S. A., Inc., Southeast Barracks 665, and of the Kenna Maine Post, American Legion.

He leaves his wife, Alice, of the home address at 3105 Wakefield place S.E.; a daughter Mrs. Gordon J. Rollman of Forest Heights, Md., and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11:15 a.m. tomorrow at Assumption Catholic Church, 3411 Nichols avenue S.E. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

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